



Nine-year-old Vendula from Vésky (near Uherské Hradiště) likes handball<sup>1</sup> very much. She answers Jump questions.

? How do you play handball?

There are two teams and two goals<sup>2</sup>. We usually play in a sports hall with a handball ball. You throw the ball to the other players in your team. You can use your hands, head, chest<sup>3</sup> or knees. But you cannot kick the ball with your feet. There is a 6-metre zone in front of each goal. Only the goalkeeper<sup>4</sup> can be inside. When you want to score<sup>5</sup> a goal, you throw the ball from outside this zone. Each game has two 30-minute periods<sup>6</sup>.



? How often do you go to handball practice?

I go to handball practice three times a week. And we go to a tournament<sup>13</sup> once a month. We play with teams from our region, South Moravia.

? Why do you like playing handball?

My good friend plays handball, too. And it's a good sport to make new friends. I also like handball training camps. But I don't like getting up early in the morning when we go to a tournament...

# Throw a Ball!

? How many players are there in a team?

There is one goalkeeper, two wingers<sup>7</sup>, and two or three backs<sup>8</sup>. But there can be 15 children, boys and girls, in one team. They don't play all the time – some players wait on the bench<sup>9</sup> to take their turn<sup>10</sup>.

? What is your role in the team?

I'm usually a winger, but sometimes I'm a back, too.

? How do you win a game?

The team that scores the most\* goals wins the game.

? What do you need to play handball?

The ball, a T-shirt, skirt or shorts, and indoor sports shoes. You can also wear elbow<sup>11</sup> and knee pads<sup>12</sup>.

LANGUAGE NOTE \* much / many – more – the most

LABEL THE PICTURES

Label the pictures with:

- handball ball
- T-shirt
- shorts
- sports shoes
- knee pads

MATCH

Match and make sentences.

1. You can use...	a. kick the ball with your feet.
2. You can also wear...	b. your hands, head, chest or knees.
3. You cannot...	c. 15 children in one team.
4. There can be ...	d. elbow and knee pads.

VOCABULARY

<sup>1</sup> handball ['hændbɔ:l] – házená | <sup>2</sup> goal [gəʊl] – branka  
<sup>3</sup> chest [tʃest] – hrudník | <sup>4</sup> goalkeeper ['gəʊlki:pə] – brankář  
<sup>5</sup> to score [skɔ:] – střílet | <sup>6</sup> period ['pɪəriəd] – poločas  
<sup>7</sup> winger ['wɪŋə] – křídlo | <sup>8</sup> back [bæk] – spojka  
<sup>9</sup> bench [bentʃ] – střídačka | <sup>10</sup> to take their turn [teik ðeə tɜ:n] – až na ně přijde řada | <sup>11</sup> elbow ['elbəʊ] – loket  
<sup>12</sup> pad [pæd] – chránič | <sup>13</sup> tournament ['tʊənmənt] – turnaj